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Mrs. Linwood Holton Confers With Children at a Neighbor's Swimming Pool in Roanoke. Tayloe (left), Woody and Anne Are Already Active Campaigners in Their Father's Behalf.

## *GOP Candidate's Wife Made Political Switch With Ease*

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ROANOKE — Until she was an adult, Virginia Rogers Holton knew two Republicans.

One was a man in the neighborhood, after whose name people mentally added "the Republican." The presence of someone of that name, however, was not unusual.

The other was prominent Virginia Republican Ted Dallon, a hunting friend of Mrs. Holton's father, who is a staunch Byrd Democrat. Now Mrs. Holton's husband is running on the Republican ticket for Governor of Virginia, but the political switch for the active young matron wasn't to start after all.

"delight," she said.

MRS. HOLTON, a Roanoke native, is the daughter of Frank W. Rogers, one of the two attorneys who went to Moscow in 1960 to defend American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers.

She herself wanted to be a lawyer, but was dissuaded by her father, who said she was naturally too argumentative.

without training.

So, instead, she decided to go live in Paris and accordingly majored in French at Wellesley College, from which she was graduated with distinction in 1946, and took an English-French secretarial course in New York.

She never made it to Paris in the American Embassy in Paris.